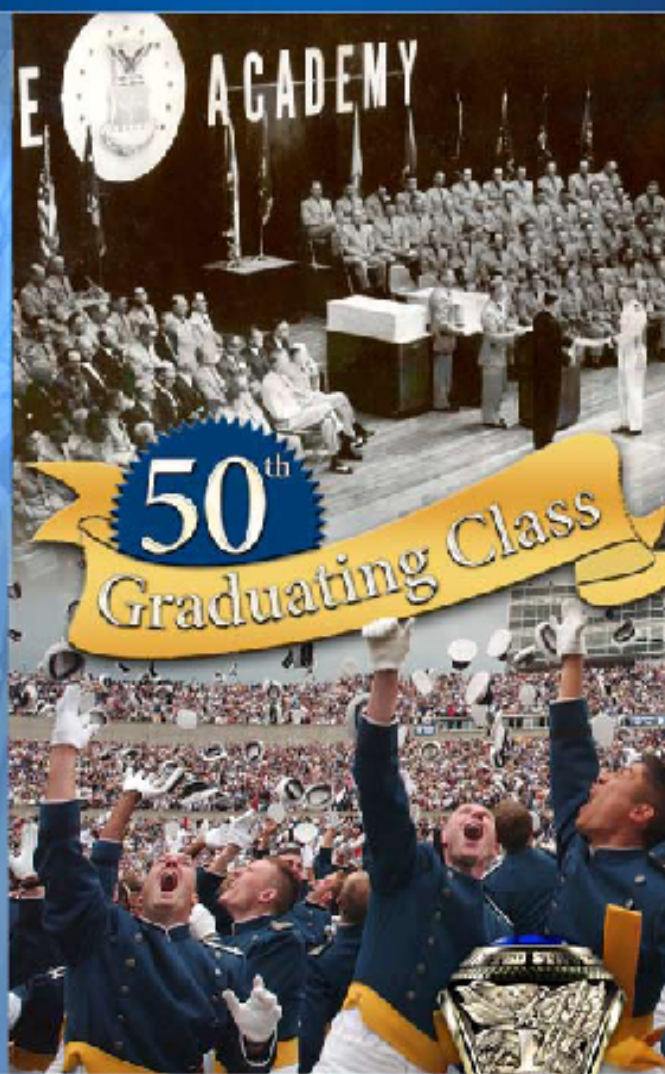


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VISION

USafa...the Air Force's premier institution
for developing leaders of character.

MISSION

To educate, train, and inspire men and women to
become officers of character motivated to lead the
United States Air Force in service to our nation.

CORE VALUES

Integrity First
Service Before Self
Excellence In All We Do

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NOTE: If events listed in this brochure are cancelled or postponed for any reason, local radio and television stations and message boards at both the North and South Gates of the Academy will broadcast the news. You may call the Graduation Hotline at (719) 333-GRAD (4723) or visit the USafa web site at www.usafa.edu for the latest updates.

Tune to USafa's own 97.7 FM KAFA for the latest news on Graduation Week activities and a graduation day broadcast.



FIFTY YEARS OF AIR FORCE ACADEMY GRADUATIONS

As the Class of 2008 walks across the stage in Falcon Stadium on 28 May 2008, becoming the fiftieth class to graduate from the United States Air Force Academy, we'd like to reflect upon the Academy's early days and its first graduating class, the Class of 1959.

On April 1, 1954, now remembered as "Founders Day," President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed Public Law 325 formally authorizing the establishment of the Academy. There was an astonishing amount of work to be done before USAFA could become a physical reality. After extensive evaluation of hundreds of potential locations, on June 24, 1954, Air Force Secretary Harold E. Talbott selected Colorado Springs. Finally, after decades of planning, the Air Force Academy had a home.

Because this new home would not be ready for several years, Lieutenant General Hubert R. Harmon, the Academy's first Superintendent, chose Lowry Air Force Base as the interim site. On Monday morning, July 11, 1955, 306 young men reported to Lowry AFB, becoming the Class of 1959. For the next three years, the cadets toiled at the Lowry site while on the north side of Colorado Springs, the Chicago firm Skidmore, Owings and Merrill designed and was busily supervising construction of the permanent Academy. By August 1958, a sufficient portion of the Academy was ready for occupancy, and the Cadet Wing, led by the Class of 1959, marched up the hill to the gleaming new aluminum, steel, and glass campus. Ten months later, on June 3, the 207 members of the Class of 1959 graduated. Held in Arnold Hall, theirs is still the only indoor graduation in Air Force Academy history.

By any measure, the Class of 1959 has excelled. Among its many contributions, the Class of 1959 adopted the Honor Code and chose the falcon as the Academy's mascot. Even before the class graduated, it featured the Academy's first football All-American. The Academy's first Rhodes Scholar and its first Astronaut are members of '59. Approximately 90% of the class went to pilot training upon graduation and two Class of '59 grads flew for the Thunderbirds aerial demonstration team. Four members died in combat in Vietnam, one became a prisoner of war, and nine earned the Purple Heart. The first Academy graduate to return to USAFA as Commandant of Cadets and the first Academy-grad Superintendent are from this class. An astounding 19 graduates of the Class of 1959 went on to earn general's rank. Of the 14 Academy grads to win the Distinguished Graduate Award, four are from '59. To a man, the Class of 1959 was and is the embodiment of everything the original Academy planners envisioned.

As members of the Academy's fiftieth class transition from cadet to officer, we'd like to tip our hats to their eminent forebears who stand at the front of the Long Blue Line—the members of the Class of 1959.

GRADUATION WEEK 2008 VISITOR INFORMATION

Welcome to your United States Air Force Academy! Graduation Week activities for the USAFA Class of 2008, the 50th Graduating Class and the First Lieutenant Karl Richter Class, will commence on Thursday, 22 May, and end Wednesday afternoon, 28 May. The following information is provided to assist you in planning your trip and coordinating with your cadet.

Please read this brochure, visit our website at www.usafa.edu or call (719) 333-GRAD (4723) for the latest Graduation Week information.

SECURITY PROCEDURES

Cadet parents of record will be mailed Base Access and Parking Passes (additional passes and badges will be available through your cadet). Since the base is open to visitors from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., you may enter the base during these hours by showing a valid driver's license or military ID. You may also be asked to show proof of insurance and a valid vehicle registration. Outside of visitor hours, you may also be asked to show your Graduation Week pass. All vehicles entering the base are subject to inspection/search by security personnel. Guests should refrain from bringing large bags, coolers, backpacks or other items that will require additional scrutiny or searches from security personnel. If you are driving a rental car, please keep the rental agreement and current proof of insurance in the vehicle at all times. Note that seatbelts must be worn by all vehicle occupants at all times when driving on the Academy.

Please make sure to follow all posted speed limits when driving on the base. Drivers may not use hand-held cellular phones while the vehicle is in motion. If you need to make or take a call, please use a hands-free device or pull to the side of the road. Also, be aware that radar detectors are not permitted on base. Finally, keep in mind that wildlife such as deer, elk and wild turkeys can be a hazard while driving on the Academy. Please be alert for them and drive carefully. Remember, they have the right-of-way!



If Force Protection Conditions (FPCONs) change due to world events or events closer to home, some scheduled events may change or require additional security precautions for the safety of all our guests.

Any event changes will be advertised in local media and on the message boards at both entry gates.

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

Please plan to arrive early for all Graduation Week events, especially the Graduation Parade and Graduation Ceremony; traffic, parking and security checks may result in delays getting to your destination.

PARKING: Parking for events in or near the Cadet Area is at the Cadet Field House, Reservoir and Parade Field parking lots (see map). Please display your Base Access and Parking Pass prominently in your car and make sure to park in designated parking spaces – violators may be ticketed or towed at owner's expense.

SHUTTLES: Shuttle bus service will operate from the Cadet Field House parking lots on Monday and Tuesday, 26 and 27 May. Guests may ride the shuttle buses or walk into the Cadet Area. However, guests wishing to enter the Terrazzo, academic buildings or dormitories must be escorted by a cadet or authorized staff at all times. Private vehicles may not enter the Cadet Area. Shuttle bus service will not be available on Graduation Day; all ceremony parking is at Falcon Stadium.

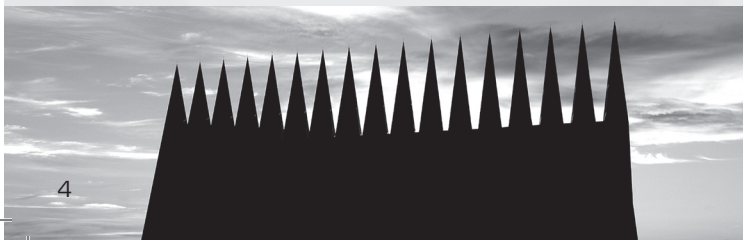
Throughout your visit, please be prepared with comfortable walking shoes and water, since bus wait times may sometimes be longer than expected. Although handicapped shuttles will be available throughout the cadet area, there may be extensive walking required from bus stops to your final destination. Please make sure to consider this when bringing elderly or infirm guests to the Academy.

HANDICAPPED ASSISTANCE

Disabled guests should bring or rent any walkers, wheelchairs, breathing support or other special-needs or medical equipment they require. They should also bring their state-issued "handicapped" placard or other documentation in order to park in designated handicapped lots. During Graduation Week, specially equipped handicapped shuttle vans will transport disabled guests from the handicapped parking area (north of the parade field) to locations throughout the Cadet Area. Hearing-impaired guests may ask their cadet to work through their squadron's graduation representative to request sign language interpreters for the cadet parades or the graduation ceremony, if required. Guests with serious medical conditions such as anemia, heart disease or pulmonary disease should consult their doctor about the need for portable oxygen or preventive medication and the advisability of traveling to the Academy. If you have any concerns about handicapped support during Graduation Week, please email special.events@usafa.af.mil.

GRADUATION WEEK WEATHER

Due to our location on the Front Range of the Rockies and our high elevation, weather at the Academy can be highly unpredictable and change rapidly. It can be sunny and warm one day and rainy, foggy and cold the next day. The daytime high temperature is usually in the high 60s with a morning low in the mid 40s. The extreme high temperature for this time of year has been in the low 90s while the extreme low temperature has been in the low 30s. In the past, some Academy graduations were held in very cold, wet weather, and that could happen this year. It may also be sunny and very warm. We recommend you be prepared with sunscreen, clear, unopened water bottles and hats for good weather and rain coats/hats for bad weather (umbrellas are not allowed in the stadium). In the event of severe weather or serious security requirements due to a high-threat world situation, the ceremony could be moved into the Cadet Field House. Because the Cadet Field House has limited seating capacity, this would restrict attendance to the graduating cadets and four of their guests (family or friends). For this reason, we make every attempt to hold the graduation ceremony outdoors, even in less than ideal weather conditions.





SEVERE WEATHER. Colorado has more thunderstorm days than any other state except Florida. During the summer months, flash floods can be a major weather hazard. Slow-moving thunderstorms can dump several inches of rain over a small area in a few hours, quickly saturating the ground. In steep mountain terrain, the runoff pours into streams and rivers, causing water levels to rise rapidly.

HAIL. The state's mountains and high elevation increase the likelihood that hail will form in a thunderstorm, making Colorado one of the hail capitals of the world. Northeastern Colorado and nearby Great Plains states get more hail each year than any other part of the United States.

FLOODS. Flash floods are responsible for most deaths, and nearly half of those fatalities are auto related—such as when people unwittingly try to drive through floodwaters. It only takes two feet of water to carry away most automobiles, and six inches of fast-moving water can knock you off your feet. That's why, in a flash flood, it's best to leave your car, get away from the water, and climb to safety.

LIGHTNING. Lightning is Colorado's most dangerous weather hazard. Since the late 1980s, more people have been killed or injured by lightning than by any other weather-related phenomena in Colorado. In an average year, lightning kills three and injures eighteen people.

Hiking during a thunderstorm in Colorado's mountains can be very dangerous. In the summer, thunderstorms typically begin to form over the mountains in late morning or early afternoon. To minimize your risk of exposure to lightning, it's best to hike early in the morning.

WARNING SYSTEM. Here at the Air Force Academy, the "Giant Voice System" and a Lightning Warning System (LWS) will activate to warn when a thunderstorm or lightning threatens the area. The LWS system is an announcement and a yellow light on light poles to warn



personnel outside buildings. When the LWS activates, you should seek shelter immediately or limit exposure to the outdoors and remain at that location until it has been determined that lightning is out of the area.

HIGH ALTITUDE HEALTH CONCERNS

The Air Force Academy Cadet Area is approximately 7,300 feet above sea level. At this altitude, it is possible to contract an illness known as acute mountain or high-altitude sickness. The common symptoms of this disorder include headache, malaise, nausea, vomiting and shortness of breath. Most cases of acute mountain sickness are mild but the altitude may exacerbate other existing medical conditions. High altitude sickness usually resolves within a few days once an individual has had a chance to adapt to the increased elevation. The best way to avoid illness is to allow yourself to acclimatize: try not to over-exert yourself in the first days after your arrival and make sure to drink sufficient fluids to avoid dehydration. Don't go sightseeing at higher elevations (i.e., up in the mountains) until after you have been in Colorado Springs for a few days. Alcohol consumption may worsen these symptoms, so make sure to drink in moderation.

DRESS

Please ensure children and young adults wear appropriate clothing for a visit to a national military academy. Plan to dress sensibly and comfortably for outdoor activities, such as the Cadet Wing Parades and the Graduation Ceremony; keep in mind that these are official ceremonies and dress accordingly. Since a visit to the Academy may require extensive walking, wear good walking shoes. We suggest that guests bring sun block, hats and raingear for scheduled outside events. For Chapel services and official ceremonies, please dress appropriately; for example, dress or slacks for ladies, coat and tie for gentlemen and Service Dress uniform or equivalent for military members. Specific dress information is provided for each event in the section of this booklet entitled "Graduation Week Event Information."

GRADUATION VIDEO, PHOTOS AND YEARBOOK

You may order the 2008 USAFA Graduation DVD, photographs of your cadet receiving his/her diploma and the 2008 POLARIS Yearbook through the Office of Cadet Wing Media. The DVD includes the Class of 2008 story plus bonus material that highlights all the Graduation Week activities. This DVD is the only graduation product officially sanctioned by the USAF Academy. You may request order forms from Cadet Wing Media by calling (719) 333-4644, sending an email to CWMedia@usafa.edu or writing to HQ USAFA/CWTMS, P.O. Box 6066, USAFA CO 80841-6066. Visit their web page at <http://www.usafa.edu/34trw/cwmedia>.

LODGING IN THE LOCAL AREA

There are numerous motels and hotels in the Colorado Springs area; however, the Pikes Peak Region is a nationally known resort area, and May is the beginning of a busy tourist season. For lodging information, you may use any hotel/motel reservation website (such as hotels.com) or contact one of the below listed organizations:

Colorado Springs Convention & Visitors Bureau
(877) 745-3773
www.experiencecoloradosprings.com

Colorado R&R
toll-free (877) 517-3381 or (719) 333-7367
www.coloradorandr.com

Peregrine Pines FamCamp
(719) 333-4980
www.usafaservices.com/orc/famcamp.htm

Rampart Lodge, USAFA's military lodging facility
(719) 333-4910
www.usafaservices.com/lodging/rampart.htm

LOCAL SHOPPING

There are many and varied stores near the Air Force Academy to meet your needs. Academy Boulevard, easily accessed from the South Gate of the Air Force Academy, offers a wide variety of retail stores, services, dining and entertainment establishments, within minutes of the

Academy grounds. For Academy souvenirs, please feel free to shop at the USAFA Visitor Center or at the Falcon Gift Shop in the Cadet Field House. Please be aware that the Base Exchange, Commissary and Service Center, located at the Academy Community Center, are only for authorized personnel (i.e., active duty or retired military personnel and authorized dependents). If you do not have a military ID card, you may shop here only when accompanied by your cadet.

HOW TO CONTACT CADETS

Arnold Hall is the cadet social center and a meeting place for all the cadets and their guests. During the hours of operation, a staff member or cadet will be available at the Arnold Hall Duty Station desk to assist you with information on scheduled events (open Mon-Sun, 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.). The telephone numbers are (719) 333-4701 or (719) 333-4790. The following is a list of cadet squadron telephone numbers to assist you in locating your cadet upon arrival.

CADET SQUADRON TELEPHONES

(719) 333-XXXX

FIRST GROUP			THIRD GROUP		
Dorm: Vandenberg			Dorm: see below		
Floor	SQ	Phone # CCQ / AOC	Floor	SQ	Phone # CCQ / AOC
6	01	4534 / 4543	Vand. 3	21	4959 / 4456
6	02	4533 / 4537	Vand. 3	22	4659 / 4594
5	03	4640 / 4548	Vand. 3	23	4529 / 4457
5	04	4612 / 4541	Sijan 6	24	4447 / 4559
3	05	4535 / 4524	Sijan 6	25	4695 / 4798
3	06	4551 / 4532	Sijan 6	26	4682 / 4766
2	07	4492 / 4518	Sijan 5	27	4660 / 4424
2	08	4491 / 4550	Sijan 5	28	4748 / 4408
2	09	4574 / 4552	Sijan 5	29	4717 / 4488
2	10	4500 / 4569	Sijan 3	30	4711 / 4465
SECOND GROUP			FOURTH GROUP		
Dorm: Vandenberg			Dorm: Sijan		
Floor	SQ	Phone # CCQ / AOC	Floor	SQ	Phone # CCQ / AOC
2	11	4581 / 4539	3	31	3050 / 4474
2	12	4448 / 4608	2	32	3052 / 4451
5	13	4757 / 4758	2	33	4300 / 4604
5	14	4759 / 4767	6	34	4304 / 4444
5	15	4669 / 4668	5	35	4311 / 4606
5	16	4675 / 4671	3	36	4306 / 4476
6	17	4501 / 4785	6	37	0667 / 0337
6	18	4777 / 4768	5	38	0668 / 0338
6	19	4741 / 4751	3	39	0669 / 0339
6	20	4712 / 6521	2	40	0670 / 0340



EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS: If you have a medical, fire or police emergency, please call 911 immediately. From any base telephone, you may reach Academy Security Forces at 333-4100 or 333-2000. There are several major medical facilities in Colorado Springs to handle medical situations: Memorial Hospital Central, 365-5000, Memorial Hospital North, 364-5000, and Penrose-St. Francis, 776-5000.



GRADUATION WEEK 2008 • EVENT INFORMATION

Parking for all events is at the Cadet Field House unless otherwise specified below. Please note: Information on recommended dress is provided for each event. We ask your cooperation in ensuring your guests wear appropriate attire throughout their stay at the Academy.

► THURSDAY, 22 MAY 2008

OUTSTANDING SQUADRON BANQUET

6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Air Force Association and the Association of Graduates, this event is by invitation only to cadets who are members of the Outstanding Squadron and their guests. Tickets are required for admission. The Outstanding Squadron is announced in mid-May; cadets are responsible for notifying their guests and purchasing tickets.

Dress: Ladies: Evening Dress
Gentlemen: Black Tie or Suit
Military: Mess Dress

Location: USAFA Falcon Club

Parking: Falcon Club parking lot

Transportation: No shuttle service will be provided from the cadet area.

BLUEBARDS PRODUCTION, *Kiss Me Kate*

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The Bluebards, the Cadet Theater Troupe, is proud to present *Kiss Me Kate*. This cadet-performed play is presented for cadets and their guests. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for military, seniors and students. Tickets may be purchased from the Arnold Hall Ticket Office. Call (719) 333-4497 for further information (open Mon-Fri, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).

Dress: Smart Casual
Location: Arnold Hall Theater
Parking: Harmon Hall upper lot
Transportation: No shuttle service will be provided.

► SATURDAY, 24 MAY 2008

BLUEBARDS PRODUCTION, *Kiss Me Kate*

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Open to cadets, their guests and the general public. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for military, seniors and students and may be purchased from the Arnold Hall Ticket Office. Call (719) 333-4497 for further information (open Mon-Fri, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).

Dress: Smart Casual
Location: Arnold Hall Theater
Parking: Harmon Hall upper lot
Transportation: No shuttle service will be provided.





► SUNDAY, 25 MAY 2008

BACCALAUREATE SERVICES

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC MASS

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Squadrons 28-40
10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Squadrons 14-27
12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Squadrons 1-13

PROTESTANT SERVICE

9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Squadrons 21-40
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Squadrons 1-20

JEWISH SERVICE

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Squadrons 1-40

No tickets required. Graduates and their guests are strongly encouraged to attend the service specified for their squadron.

Dress: Ladies: Suit or Dress
 Gentlemen: Coat and Tie
 Military: Service Dress
Location: Cadet Chapel
Parking: Harmon Hall upper lot
Transportation: No shuttle service will be provided.

RECEPTION FOR THE CLASS OF 2008 AND FAMILIES

1:00 – 5:15 p.m.

An opportunity for the Class of 2008 and their families to meet the Academy's senior staff and visit the Superintendent's quarters, the historic Carlton House.

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. 3rd Cadet Group (Squadrons 21-30)
2:05 – 3:05 p.m. 4th Cadet Group (Squadrons 31-40)
3:10 – 4:10 p.m. 1st Cadet Group (Squadrons 1-10)
4:15 – 5:15 p.m. 2nd Cadet Group (Squadrons 11-20)

Dress: Ladies: Suit or Dress
 Gentlemen: Coat and Tie
 Military: Service Dress
Location: The Carlton House
Parking: Air Academy High School parking lot.
 Shuttle vans will run to and from The
 Carlton House for the duration of the reception.
 Handicapped guests may be dropped off
 at the main entrance of The Carlton House
 when displaying proper credentials.

CADET ORCHESTRA CONCERT

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Open to cadets, their guests and the general public. The Cadet Orchestra is a cadet club consisting of about 40 cadets interested in furthering their instrumental skills who wanted to have an outlet for playing classical music and movie scores. The orchestra will perform selections of well known classical pieces from Tchaikovsky to Copland as well as excerpts from recent movie scores. No tickets are required.

Dress: Smart Casual
Location: Arnold Hall Theater
Parking: Harmon Hall upper lot
Transportation: No shuttle service will be provided

PREPARATORY SCHOOL AND PRIOR SERVICE RECEPTION

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Hosted by the Preparatory School Commander and USAFA's Command Chief Master Sergeant, this reception honors graduating cadets who were previously Preparatory School Candidates or who had prior enlisted military service.

Dress: Ladies: Suit or Dress
 Gentlemen: Coat and Tie
 Military: Service Dress
Location: Doolittle Hall
Parking: Doolittle Hall parking lot

BLUEBARDS PRODUCTION, *Kiss Me Kate*

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Open to cadets, their guests and the general public. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for military, seniors and students and may be purchased from the Arnold Hall Ticket Office. Call (719) 333-4497 for further information (open Mon-Fri, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).

Dress: Smart Casual
Location: Arnold Hall Theater
Parking: Harmon Hall upper lot
Transportation: No shuttle service will be provided.



► **MONDAY, 26 MAY 2008**

Memorial Day

**ORGANIZATIONAL AWARDS PARADE AND
WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY**

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Mandatory for cadets and open to their families and guests. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Pre-parade performances will begin at approximately 9:30 a.m. Due to security restrictions, all guests will be screened by security personnel and may have purses or personal items searched. Please do not bring large bags/backpacks to the parade. Cameras, video cameras and binoculars are permitted - please be prepared to remove lenses for security inspection at the parade field entrance.

Dress: Ladies & Gentlemen: Smart Casual
Military: Service Dress
Location: Stillman Field
Parking: Cadet Field House parking lots
Transportation: Shuttle bus service will be provided between the Cadet Field House and the parade field beginning at 8:30 a.m. Handicapped-equipped van will transport guests between the parking area and the parade field.

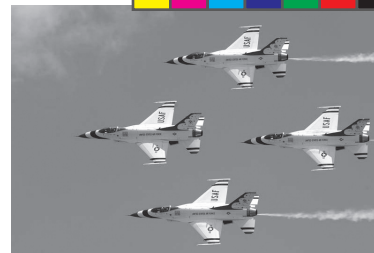
NOTE: If the parade is cancelled due to inclement weather, Organizational Awards will be presented at the Individual Awards Ceremony in the Cadet Field House at 1:30 p.m.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Mandatory for cadets and open to their families and guests. Seating is first-come, first-served. The Cadet Sabre Drill Team will perform at 1:15 p.m.

Dress: Ladies & Gentlemen: Smart Casual
Military: Service Dress
Location: Clune Arena, Cadet Field House
Parking: Cadet Field House parking lots



THUNDERBIRDS PRACTICE SHOW

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Skies over Falcon Stadium & the Academy
Parking: Sections of Stadium and Academy Blvds. will be closed during the performance. No parking at the stadium or along Academy or Stadium Blvds.

CADET CHORALE CONCERT

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Open to the public. No tickets are required. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

Dress: Smart Casual
Location: Arnold Hall Theater
Parking: Harmon Hall upper lot
Transportation: No shuttle service will be provided.



SHOW CHOIR MUSICAL REVIEW

7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Open to cadets, their guests and the general public. Tickets are not required.

Dress: Smart Casual
Location: Arnold Hall Theater
Parking: Harmon Hall upper lot
Transportation: No shuttle service will be provided.



► TUESDAY, 27 MAY 2008

GRADUATION TAPPING CEREMONIES

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Tapping ceremonies honor the top Civil Air Patrol cadet, the Fall and Spring Cadet Wing Commanders and the number one graduating cadet. By invitation only; open to honored cadets and their families.

Dress: Ladies: Suit or Dress
Gentlemen: Coat and Tie
Military: Service Dress
Location: Arnold Hall Ballroom Balcony
Parking: Harmon Hall upper lot
Transportation: No shuttle service will be provided.

ACADEMY SCHOLARS CEREMONY

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Open to the public. The Academy Scholars Program at USAFA helps academically talented cadets to reach their full potential by offering a unique and challenging path through the curriculum, thereby providing the Air Force and our Nation with a pool of intellectually talented and well-rounded leaders. This ceremony honors those cadets who have completed the program.

Dress: Ladies: Suit or Dress
Gentlemen: Coat and Tie
Military: Service Dress
Location: Fairchild Hall, F-1
Parking: Cadet Field House parking lots

Transportation: Shuttle bus service will be available from the Cadet Field House Lots to Fairchild Hall, Core Values Ramp.

GRADUATION PARADE

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Mandatory for cadets and open to their families and guests. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Pre-parade performances will begin at approximately 9:30 a.m. Due to security restrictions, all guests will be screened by security personnel and may have purses

or personal items searched. Please do not bring large bags/backpacks to the parade. Cameras, video cameras and binoculars are permitted - please be prepared to remove lenses for security inspection at the parade field entrance. Arrive early for airmanship demonstrations at Stillman Field from 9:30 – 9:55 a.m.

Dress: Ladies & Gentlemen: Smart Casual
Military: Service Dress
Location: Stillman Field
Parking: Cadet Field House parking lots
Transportation: Shuttle bus service will be provided between the Cadet Field House and the parade field beginning at 8:30 a.m. A handicapped-equipped van will run from the parking area to the parade ground and will return following the parade.

NOTE: In the event of inclement weather or poor field conditions, this parade may be cancelled.

RICHTER STATUE DEDICATION

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

A dedication ceremony to unveil a statue of 1Lt Karl Richter, the exemplar for the Class of 2008. Hosted by the Association of Graduates.

Dress: Smart Casual
Location: Mall of Heroes, east side of Vandenberg Hall
Parking: Cadet Field House parking lots

CATHOLIC CHOIR CONCERT

3:30 – 5:10 p.m.

Open to the public. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open at 3:00 p.m.

Dress: Smart Casual
Location: Cadet Chapel, Catholic Level
Parking: Cadet Field House parking lots
Transportation: Shuttle bus service will be provided between the Cadet Field House parking lots and the Cadet Chapel.



GRADUATION FORMAL RECEPTION

5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

For graduating cadets and their families and guests. Cadets may purchase tickets from the Mitchell Hall Administration Office at (719) 333-2377; deadline for ticket purchase is 23 May. There is no limit to the number of guests per cadet; however, due to the popularity of this event, strongly recommend your graduating cadet purchase tickets as soon as they go on sale.

Dress: Ladies: Evening Dress
Gentlemen: Black Tie or Suit
Military: Mess Dress
Location: Mitchell Hall
Parking: Cadet Field House parking lots
Transportation: Shuttle bus service will be provided from the Cadet Field House Parking Lots to Mitchell Hall.

COMMISSIONING (SWEARING-IN) CEREMONIES

First session: 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Second Session: 10:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

For graduating cadets, their families, and guests. Individual squadrons will determine locations and times. At this ceremony, the graduates will take the Oath of Office.

Dress: Military: Mess Dress
Civilians: Evening Dress/Black Tie or Suit
Location: Various
Parking: Various, depending on location

GRADUATION BALL

8:30 p.m. – Midnight

For graduating cadets and their guests. There will be no receiving line. Tickets are not required.

Dress: Ladies: Evening Dress
Gentlemen: Black Tie or Suit
Military: Mess Dress
Location: Arnold Hall Ballroom
Parking: Harmon Hall lot, Cadet Field House
Transportation: Shuttle bus service will be provided between the Cadet Field House and Arnold Hall throughout the evening.

► WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY 2008

GRADUATION CEREMONY

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Graduating cadets will receive as many tickets as they need for their family and guests through their squadrons; contact your cadet to make arrangements to get the tickets from him/her upon your arrival at USAFA. General public tickets are available from the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce, usually in mid-May. There is no will-call for graduation ceremony tickets and tickets cannot be obtained from the Air Force Academy Athletic Ticket office. Stadium gates open at 8:00 a.m.

Please note that once the ceremony has begun, no one will be permitted to leave the stadium until after the commencement speaker has departed following the ceremony. Please ensure you make your travel arrangements accordingly.

Dress: Ladies: Suit or Dress
Gentlemen: Coat and Tie
Military: Service Dress
Location: Falcon Stadium
Parking: Falcon Stadium parking lots 1 & 2.
Handicapped parking in south end of lot 5 and north end of lot 1.
Transportation will be available from the handicapped lots to the stadium gates.
Transportation: No shuttle service will be provided from the cadet area.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Due to security restrictions in Falcon Stadium, all guests will pass through metal detectors and may have purses or personal items searched. All guests must have tickets to enter the stadium. **No boxes, alcohol, weapons, firecrackers, umbrellas, beverage containers of any sort, backpacks, large handbags, coolers, thermoses or similar items will be allowed in the stadium. Food and drink are prohibited with the exception of clear, unopened water bottles.** Cameras and video cameras are permitted; however, please be prepared to remove camera lenses for security inspection at the stadium gates. Diaper bags will be allowed when a child is present - no strollers please. Refreshments



will be available from vendors throughout the stadium. Please note that there are no elevators in the stadium, and handicapped-accessible seating is very limited and first-come, first-served.

NOTE: A professional photographer will photograph each cadet receiving his or her diploma. The photographer will contact parents shortly after graduation to discuss how to purchase these photographs. Cadets' guests will not be allowed access to the stage or cadet seating area for personal photos during the ceremony. If you do not hear from the photographer, please contact Cadet Wing Media at (800) 379-1455 ext. 4644 or email CWMedia@usafa.edu.

HAT TOSS

Approx. 1200 p.m.

Children (ages 7-10 only) will be allowed on the stadium floor to retrieve hats from the graduates' hat toss at the end of the ceremony. Ushers will monitor access to the stadium floor from access points. Parents should plan to retrieve their children under the scoreboard on the south side of the stadium floor following the ceremony. Note: Please, only one hat per child.

THUNDERBIRDS PERFORMANCE

12:00 – 12:45 p.m.

The USAF Thunderbirds Demonstration takes place over Falcon Stadium immediately following the graduation ceremony. The team is comprised of selected pilots assigned to demonstrate the coordination, discipline and flying ability that combat-capable pilots require to fulfill their vital role in our nation's defense.

IMPORTANT: For your own safety and to comply with FAA regulations, no one will be permitted to leave the stadium until after the Thunderbirds' performance ends.

Guests are not permitted in the parking lots during the demonstration. Release of helium-filled balloons from the stadium is not allowed.

OUT-PROCESSING

12:45 – 5:00 p.m. Location: Sijan Hall

Out-processing the Academy is the last official act required for newly commissioned officers. It may take

from 10 to 20 minutes, depending on the length of the line. Traffic after the ceremony can move very slowly. Please make sure to include this time in your post-graduation and departure plans.

► USAFA BASE FACILITIES

USAFA BASE OPERATOR & INFORMATION [719] 333-1110

CADET CHAPEL [719] 333-2636

Salaat UI Jummah

Islamic Worship Fri..... 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Muslim Convocation Fri..... 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Jewish Sabbath Service Fri 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Baccalaureate Services Sun 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

(See Event Information for specific squadron times)

Buddhist Baccalaureate

Service Mon..... 5:00-6:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY CENTER CHAPEL [719] 333-3300

Catholic Mass Sat 4:00 p.m.

Sun 9:30 a.m.

Protestant Service

Contemporary Sat 6:00 p.m.

Traditional Sun 8:00 a.m.

Gospel Sun 11:00 a.m.

ARNOLD HALL [719] 333-4790

Hours of Operation Fri 7:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Sat 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Sun 12:00-6:00 p.m.

Tue 12:00-6:00 p.m.

Memorial Day Closed

Grad Day . 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

ARNOLD HALL FOOD COURT [719] 333-4790

Godfather's Pizza, Mon-Sat 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Subway Sun 12:00-6:00 p.m.

Memorial Day Closed

Grad Day.. 11:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

HAP'S PLACE LOUNGE [719] 333-4596

Arnold Hall Mon-Thu .. 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Memorial Day Closed

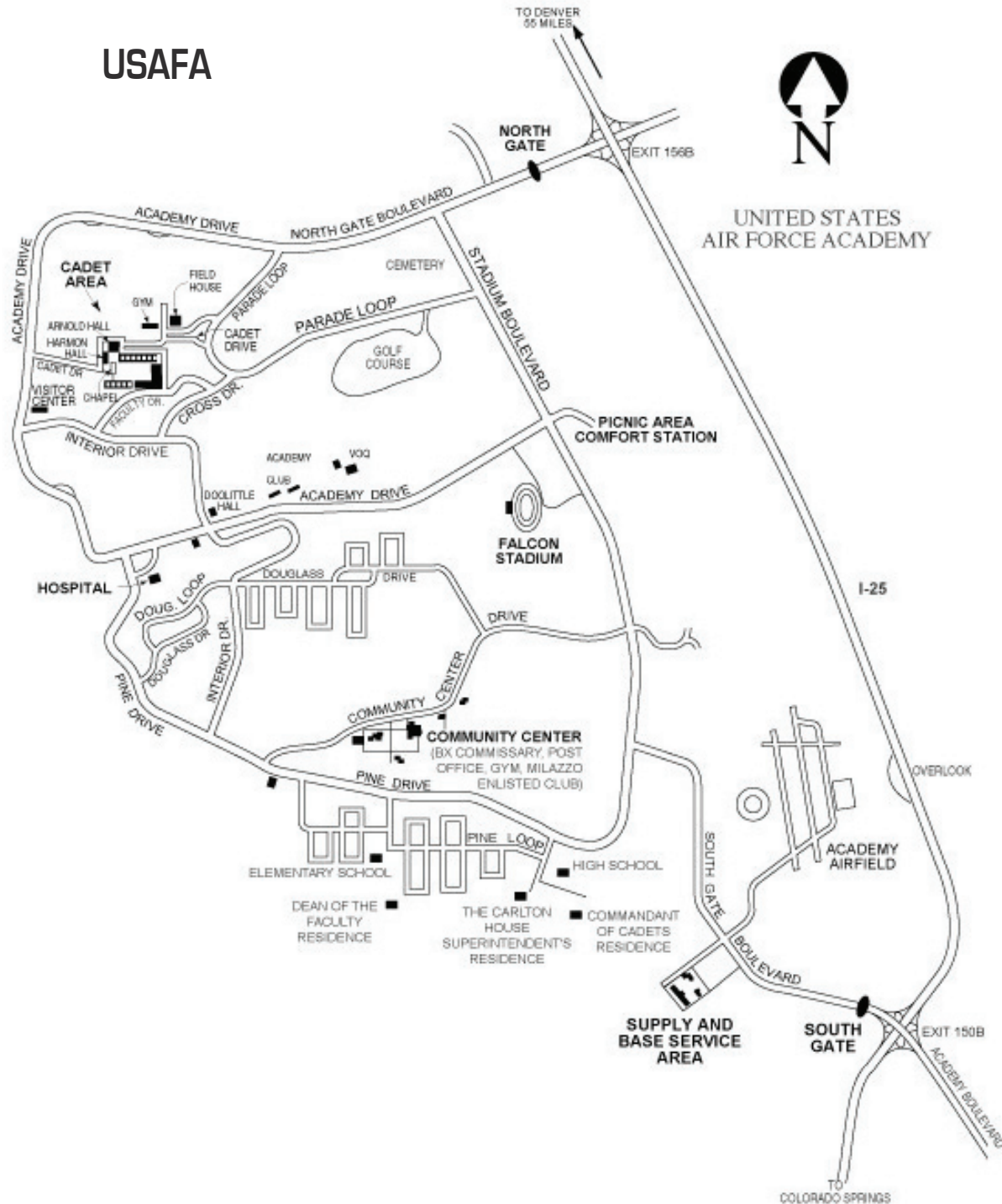
THE ALLEY VIDEO ARCADE [719] 333-2928

Arnold Hall Mon-Fri ... 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

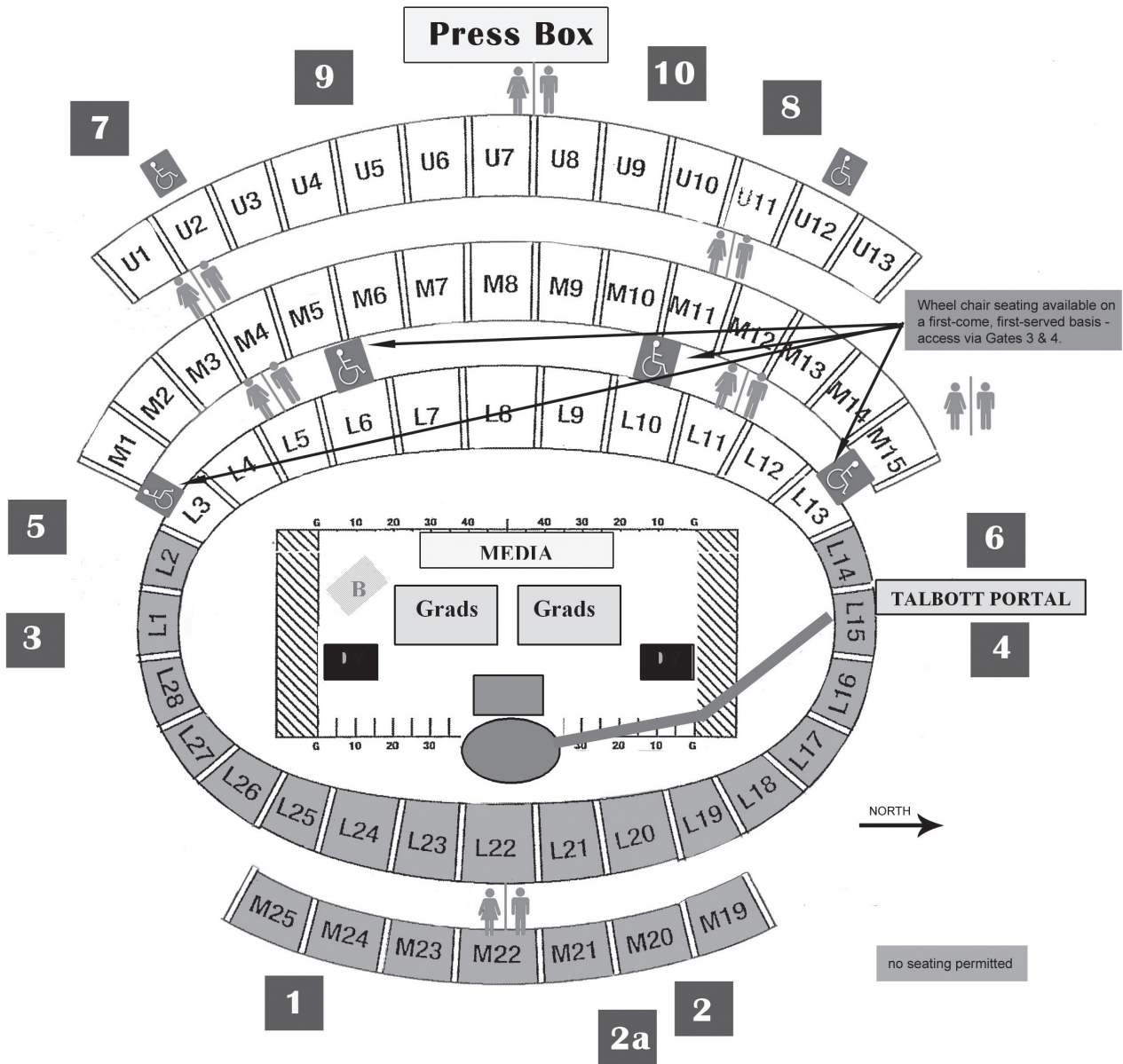
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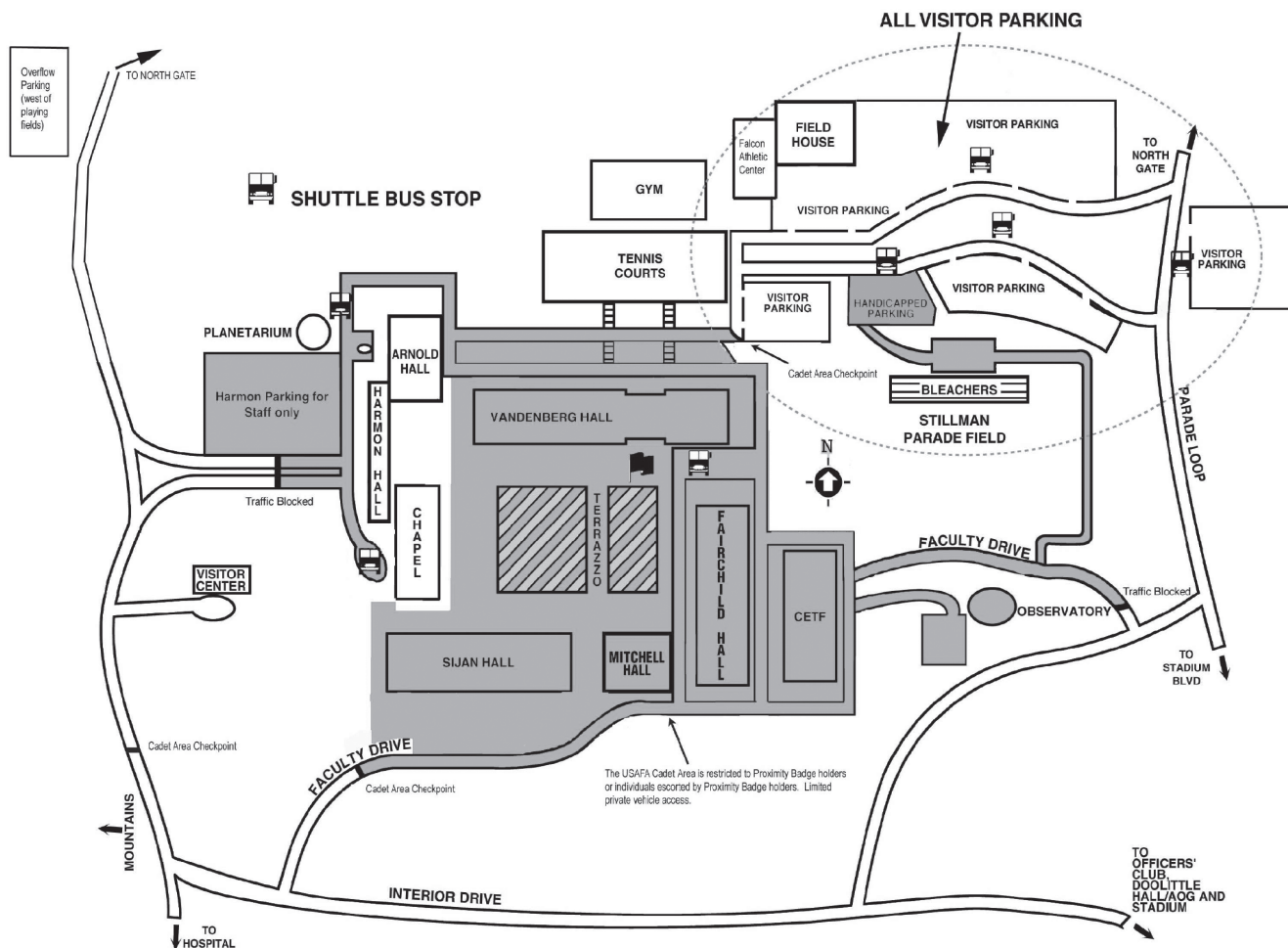


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USAFA Cadet Area



Falcon Stadium Parking

